Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The Agricultural Department is doing its best.

Passes for the transport of cocoanut products.

29. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether for transporting cocoanut products from one compound in a pakuthi to another compound in the same pakuthi in the frontier taluks, a pass from the local Excise Inspector is insisted upon by the Excise Department;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what is the basis for such insisting;

(*c*) whether the practice, if any, is supported by any law or rule having the force of law; and

(*d*) who issues such passes, whether the petty officer on the spot or the Excise Inspector residing in the headquarters?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Passes for the transport ofco coanut products are insisted on within one mile of the frontier in the Parur taluk only.

(*b*) It is a practice which has been in existence for a long time with a view to protect the people concerned from the operation of Section 22 of the Land Customs Regulation.

(*c*) No. The passes are issued under executive orders and the question of legalising the practice is under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) Excise Inspector. The question of empowering petty officers to issue such passes is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to answer to part (*d*) may I know how many days the Excise Inspector is expected to be on circuit?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: He has to be on circuit for 20 days a month.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will not those who transport cocoanut be put to serious difficulties in not being able to obtain passes when the Inspector is not on the spot?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Government are aware of such difficulties and they are considering the question of giving the power of issuing licenses to the Petty Officers.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether orders will be issued without much delay to see that the difficulty is removed as early as possible?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I hope so.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the Petty Officers will be authorised to issue passes so that one man to whom

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a pass is issued can go from one jurisdiction to another within the same taluk ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : In the absence of issuing such passes, may I know how the difficulty will be relieved ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Petty Officers can be empowered to issue passes to people within their respective jurisdictions. If the member feels that the public will be put to very great difficulties by the above arrangement the matter will be considered.

Jyothisha Section in the Sanskrit College.

30. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a Jyothisha Class or Section in the Government Sanskrit College imparting education in *Jyothisha*, and, if so, when it was abolished and what were the circumstances that necessitated the abolition of the branch ; and

(*b*) how long was the Jyothisha Section in existence and what was the average annual amount spent on that institution ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Pro-Vice Chancellor*) :

(*a*) Yes ; it was abolished in 1936 for want of students.

(*b*) For 25 years ; Rs. 1,320 per annum approximately.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know what will be the minimum number of students to maintain a Jyothisha class ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There is no fixed number.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Supposing there are sufficient number of students, what will be the minimum number necessary to maintain a class ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I think five or six would be considered sufficient.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether for the preparation of Panchangom a sufficient knowledge of Jyothisham is absolutely necessary ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether Panchangoms can be prepared without a knowledge of Jyothisham.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : It is a matter of opinion, Sir.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : Is it a matter of opinion, Sir ?

President : I do not follow the honourable member.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : A certain question was asked and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor says that it is a matter of opinion.

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